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Dear Alumni and Friends of Potomac State

After serving two years as interim president of Potomac State College, I was recently named campus provost, a new title for the College as it officially became a fully integrated division of West Virginia University on July 1, 2005.

I was interested in pursuing the job on a permanent basis because in the short time that I had been here, I recognized the campus' unique character, the faculty's and staff's commitment, the alumni's loyalty, and the community's appreciation. Yet, even more importantly, I recognized the College's potential for development and growth.

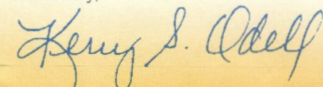
To follow are some of the new services and benefits Potomac State will experience over the next two years as a division of WVU:

- STAR: WVU's online customer service system. Using BANNER software, STAR will enable students on the Keyser campus to register for classes, check their grades, learn their financial status, pay bills and more - all with the click of a mouse.
- The offering of a bachelor of applied science degree in criminal justice on the Keyser campus has been added. This new four-year degree will allow graduates with a two-year AAS degree to continue their education to acquire additional skills and professional advancement.
- Enhancement of the WVU scholarship program. Starting this fall, new freshmen who enroll at Potomac State and transfer to WVU will be eligible for WVU scholarships they would have received had they initially enrolled in Morgantown. Potomac State continues to be the lead source for new WVU transfer students having had 106 students transfer last year to WVU.
- Construction of a Livestock Education Center that will include a riding arena to support our growing equine program.
- A \$12.25 million, 250-bed residence hall to be built as part of WVU's latest capital improvements bond package. The new dorm will accommodate growing enrollment and complement four existing dorms that house 350 students.

Some things haven't changed. The College will soon begin its 104th year of providing quality academic opportunities to students. Our faculty and staff continue to take the College's mission seriously and they work very hard to see that every student is provided with the opportunity for success.

As an Alum, I know that you, too, believe in the success of Potomac State College and its endless possibilities for enhanced services, campus facilities, academic offerings and student life activities. I thank you for your continued interest in and support for Potomac State College's future.

Sincerely,



Campus Provost



Kerry S. Odell, Ph.D.
Campus Provost

FULFILLING A NEED

By Debi Cruse

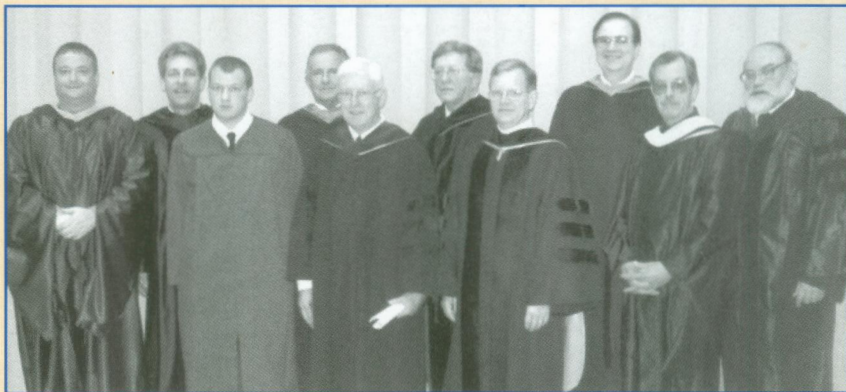
"We saw a need and wanted to help fulfill it." This was the message conveyed by Harvey and Betty Moses of Petersburg, WV, regarding their involvement with Potomac State College of West Virginia University. "We were looking for a smaller college with which to involve ourselves and as it turns out, a couple of personal connections led us to Potomac State," said Harvey.

Harvey elaborated that a young man who had worked for him many years ago attended Potomac State and always spoke very highly of his experiences at the College. Several years later, Harvey and Betty's daughter, Marie, would graduate from Potomac State.

One day while driving and listening to the radio, Harvey learned of the struggles facing women composers and thought that perhaps he and Betty could do something to encourage women composers, but at the same time, enrich the lives of the students. Harvey stopped by the campus that day and talked extensively with Dr. John Hawkins, a music professor, about donating financially to the College. Harvey then visited with Libby Nichols in the Alumni and Development Office to learn about other opportunities available so that he and Betty could become more involved with the College.

With their first donation, the Moseses were responsible for bringing two women with backgrounds in classical music to the College for a performance, something that many of the students would not have experienced otherwise.

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Platform Guests for the 102nd Commencement Program included from left: Dean of Student Affairs Bill Letrent, Campus Provost Kerry Odell, 2005 Outstanding Student Kevin Junkins, Keynote Speaker William Kennedy, Board of Advisors Chair Jack Canfield, Honorary Degree Recipient Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, WVU Senior Associate Provost Russell Dean, Alumni Association President James Courier, Professor Emeritus of Music Richard Davis, and Dean of Curriculum and Instruction Douglas Wilmes.

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As I visited with the Moseses in their home, I was awestruck by the many works of art hanging on their walls, which Betty proudly informed me had been painted by her father, a natural-born Swiss who immigrated to this country at the age of twelve. "My father had many interests and shared those interests with his children, from painting, to rock collecting to a love of music. I was very fortunate to have grown up with such diversity; some aren't as fortunate," said Betty. One goal that Harvey and Betty have is to help some of those who are less fortunate by sharing some of their interests with them and focusing on education and the arts.

Harvey and Betty believe that all students should be given the opportunity to be enlightened and to develop an appreciation for the arts. They agreed that, "Some will absorb the arts like a sponge, some through osmosis, while others won't absorb anything, but at least they should have the chance."

The Moseses have donated significantly to various arts programs, had a summer arts camp named after them, contributed financially to yearly play productions, and paid for students from the Petersburg area to attend those plays.

They have bought computers for neighbors and several students who were attending college, "...to help get them up to a level playing field in college," said Harvey. He went on to say that he had grown up in the 1930s and during World War II, a time when



Betty and Harvey Moses

most people barely even had the basics. "I served in WWII with many intelligent boys, only 18 or 19 years old, who proudly served their country, but didn't have a chance to live and reach their potential because they died in the war. I was able to attend college on the GI Bill after returning from the war, and as long as I live, I will try to do what I can to help make things better, especially for the students," added Harvey.

"Kids should always have an opportunity to develop. It tears at my heart to see how

disadvantaged some kids are. I can't understand people not helping, because when they don't help, it's the kids who end up paying the price," Harvey stated.

The Moseses have also directed some of their funds to the improvement and updating of the current library by establishing the Harvey and Betty Moses Fund. "We're very passionate about the renovations to the library. The addition of a technology and communications center is definitely an area I'm interested in and can benefit all of the students, not just a few," said Harvey.

"We wanted to be a part of Potomac State College and as we approach the twilight of our lives, we would like to know that some memory of us will survive and that the students will continue to benefit from the financial involvement we've been fortunate enough to provide. To quote that famous line from several years ago, 'A mind is a terrible thing to waste,'" Harvey said.

"We saw a need and wanted to help fulfill it." This message was repeated again and again during my visit with Harvey and Betty. Even as we wandered through the pleasantly landscaped lawn where purple clematis was draped lazily over a white lattice fence, while red and yellow roses in full bloom filled the air with the sweet scent of summer, I observed that the caring and concern of these two people spreads into all aspects of their lives and to those around them.

Fall 2005 Award Recipients Announced

Alumni Achievement

Herbert D. Deremer

Herbert D. Deremer, a 1946 graduate of Potomac State, retired from the State Department, Foreign Service Division. While serving in the Foreign Service, Deremer traveled to such places as Yugoslavia, Russia, Iran, Hungary and Saudi Arabia to name a few.

H. Russell Potts, Jr.

H. Russell Potts attended Potomac State from 1958 to 1959. Potts founded Russ Potts Productions, Inc. in 1982, which promotes and organizes major sports events; served as Vice President of Marketing and Promotions with the Chicago White Sox; was elected to the Senate of Virginia in 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003, and is currently a candidate for the Governor of Virginia.

Charles Elmer Ryan

Charles Elmer Ryan attended Potomac State from 1948 to 1950, graduating with a degree in accounting. Ryan is a retired senior executive of General Motors Corporation where he was employed continuously for 36 years.

Distinguished Service Award

Jennings R. Stickley

Jennings R. Stickley graduated from Potomac State in 1957. He retired from Westvaco Corporation (now NewPage) after 37 years of service. Stickley served in various management positions throughout the years and as President of Westvaco Resources Inc., an independent coal mining operation for Luke Mill.

MANY THANKS!!!

Potomac State College of WVU alumni and friends would like to thank the WVU Alumni Association for providing funding for this newsletter.

Donations Welcomed

The Potomac State College of WVU Alumni Association is self-sustaining and does not collect dues at this time. However, we do accept and greatly appreciate all donations. Please send your tax deductible donations to:

Alumni Office
101 Fort Avenue
Keyser, WV 26726

THANKS!!

Have you considered adding Potomac State College to your estate plan? To learn more about the advantages, please call Libby Nichols (304)788-6870

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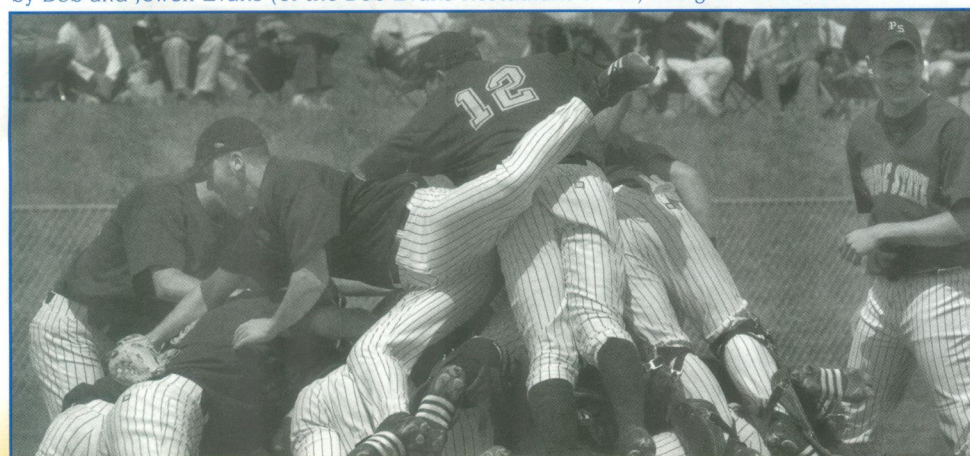
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Paul Wendell Dick, William "Bill" Martin, Glen Curtis Smith II and Charles "Bill" Stultz (posthumously) were honored this year at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet. Stultz' widow, Mary, accepted his award.



This little colt was only two hours old when this picture was taken. The initial herd donated by Bob and Jewell Evans (of the Bob Evans Restaurant chain) has grown from 20 to 41.

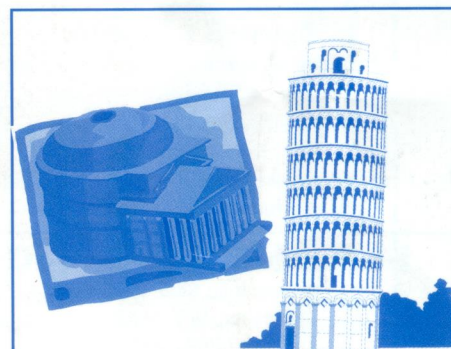


Feel the excitement as the Catamounts baseball team celebrates their victory! For the second year in a row, they hit and pitched their way to Grand Junction, CO, for the Junior College World Series. Photo by Raymond Burner

Building History Update

In our previous issue of the Catamount Spirit, we invited you to help pave the way for new Library facilities by purchasing a brick, which can be engraved with your graduation year or in honor or in memory of a loved one. Over 60 alumni and friends have chosen to participate in this worthwhile project. We're grateful and encouraged by the response and hope to upgrade the facility to make it a true educational resource for our students now and beyond.

If you would like to order a brick, it's not too late. Your gift of \$250 or \$500 is tax deductible. Contact Libby Nichols in the Alumni Office at 800-262-7332 extension 6870 and together we will make a difference!



Anyone for Italy and Greece?

Alumni will be teaming up with students and instructors at Potomac State next spring for an educational trip to Italy and Greece. Tentative dates are March 9-23, 2006. Travelers will enjoy visiting Rome, Sorrento, Delphi and Capri. Also included is a three-day cruise to the beautiful whitewashed island of Greece. For more information contact Libby Nichols at (304) 788-6870 or LMNichols@mail.wvu.edu.